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Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made by the Government of Gujarat under the Central Acts

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 20th September, 2025

AADHAAR (TARGETED DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUBSIDIES BENEFITS AND SERVICES) ACT, 2016.

No. G/SH/55/PRC/1524/CHE-74/KH :- WHEREAS the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for the delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity;

AND WHEREAS the Education Department, Government of Gujarat (hereinafter referred to as "the Department"), is administering the Fellowship Scholarship Scheme (FSS) (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme") to provide financial assistance in the form of fellowship to the students of Governments schools and colleges and Grant-In-aid Schools and College on the basis of merit in proportion to the seats but with criteria of the income limit. The students should have passed either standard 10th or standard 12th or any Graduation courses and have got admission in either 11th & 12th or any Graduation courses or any Post Graduation courses respectively. The Scheme is being implemented through the Office of the Commissioner/Director of Higher Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar (hereinafter referred to as "the Implementing Agency")';

AND WHEREAS under the Scheme, amount of Rs.2000/- is paid at Secondary level, Rs.3000/- at any graduation level and Rs.5000/- at any Post Graduation level Hereinafter referred to as "the benefits" depending upon the course and course fees, is given to the students who fall under any of the categories of the Government Resolution and fulfill other condition of the Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the benificiaries"), by the Implementing Agency as per the extant Scheme guidelings;

AND WHEREAS the Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Gujarat;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), the Government of Gujarat hereby notifies the following, namely: -

1. (1) An individual desirous of availing the benefit under the Scheme shall be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication

(2) Any individual desirous of availing the benefit under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment subject to the consent of his parents or guardians (in case of child beneficiaries), provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act and such children shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment center (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its Implementing Agency, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment center located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, the benefit under the Scheme shall be given to such individual's (beneficiaries above 18 years old) subject to the production of the following documents, namely:-

I For children below 18 years' old,-

(a) if the child has been enrolled after attaining the age of five years (with biometrics collection), his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip, or of bio-metric update identification slip; and

(b) any one of the following documents, namely: -

(i) Birth Certificate; or Record of birth issued by the appropriate authority; or

(ii) School identity card, duly signed by the Principal of the school, containing parents' names; and

(c) any one of the following documents as a proof of relationship of the beneficiary with the parent or legal guardian as per the extant Scheme guidelines, namely:-

(i) Birth Certificate; or Record of birth issued by the appropriate authority; or

(ii) Ration Card; or

(iii) Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Card; or Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Card; or Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Card; or

(iv) Pension Card; or

(v) Army Canteen Card; or

(vi) any Government Family Entitlement Card; or

(vii) any other document as specified by the Department.

II For beneficiaries above 18 years old,-

(a) if he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and

(b) any one of the following documents, namely: -

(i) Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo; or

(ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or

(iii) Passport; or

(iv) Ration Card; or

(v) Voter Identity Card; or

(vi) MGNREGA card; or

(vii) Kisan Photo passbook; or

(viii) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or

(ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter head; or

(x) any other document as specified by the Department:

Provided further that the above documents shall be Verified by an Officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department through the Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar under the Scheme.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely: -

(a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make provisions for iris scanners or face authentication along with finger-print authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner;

(b) authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered;

(c) in all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time- based One-Time Password authentication is not possible, benefits under the scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of Quick Response(QR) code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above, no child shall be denied benefit under the Scheme in case of failure to establish his identity by undergoing authentication, or furnishing proof of possession of Aadhaar number, or in the case of a child to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, producing an application for enrolment. The benefit shall be given to him by verifying his identity on the basis of other documents as mentioned in clauses I(b) and I(c) of the proviso of sub- paragraph (3) of paragraph 1, and where benefit is given on the basis of such other documents, a separate register shall be maintained to record the same, which shall be reviewed and audited periodically by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

5. In order to ensure that no bona fide beneficiary (other than children) under the Scheme is deprived of his due benefits, the concerned Department in the State Governments shall follow the exception handling mechanism as specified in the Office Memorandum of Direct Benefit Transfer Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India no. D-26011/04/2017-DBT, dated the 19th December 2017 (available on https://dbtbharat.gov.in/).

6. This notification shall come into effect on the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette.*

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

MANOJ VAGH,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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